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TRANSPORTATION - FRANCE

THE SUPREME TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

NOTE: The following information was not available during the preparation of this study.

1. The most important development in French transportation since the war is the establishment by the National Assembly in August 1947 of a Supreme Transportation Advisory Board. The Board will advise the Minister of Public Works and Transport on all transportation matters submitted to it, but may also formulate recommendations on its own initiative. The Advisory Board's immediate mission is to present, within one year, plans for the coordination of rail, highway, inland waterway, air and ocean transportation. It will include in its plans coordination of domestic transport with colonial and international transportation. The Board will study all social, technical, financial and economic matters relative to the organization and functioning of the various modes of transportation; it will also study matters concerning stock and equipment, technical and commercial development and the social, economic and administrative problems arising therefrom.

2. The Supreme Transportation Advisory Board is established under the Minister of Public Works and Transport and consists of 69 members, including representatives from various government agencies, members of Parliament, specialists from the large transport organizations, employee representatives from the operating companies and public organizations such as tourist travel agencies. Seven permanent commissions are established under the Board, charged with examining questions of transport coordination. These are as follows:

Rail	-	highway
Rail	-	inland waterway
Rail	-	air
Rail	-	sea
Highway	-	air
Highway	-	inland waterway
Sea	-	air

3. The Supreme Transportation Advisory Board is financed through a special fund provided by the Minister of Public Works and Transport. The sum expended shall be reimbursed to the state by the various transportation operators under conditions to be set forth by decree of the Minister of Public Works and Transport and the Minister of Finance.